GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1317
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2005
PENSION TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of freedom fighters found bogus during investigations by the Government, State-wise;

(b) whether any recovery has been made from these freedom fighters; and

(c) the details of the investigations regarding bogus freedom fighters still in progress in various States, State-wise, particularly Bihar State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a): As per available records, a total of 3111 pensions have been suspended and 1584 pensions have been cancelled till 30.6.2005, since the inception of the Central scheme in 1972. A statement showing the State-wise details is annexed.

(b): The pensions drawn earlier are also simultaneously ordered to be recovered in all cases where the pensions are cancelled (except where it is duly established that the earlier pensions were obtained on mistaken ground, i.e., the persons were not at fault and no malafide or submission of false information, etc., was made out against them). Actual recovery is made by the concerned State Governments. The Central Government does not maintain record of the recoveries effected.

(c): Receipt of complaints/information from various sources alleging bogus/fraudulent pensions is a continuous process. Each such matter is examined with reference to the provisions of the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980, in consultation with the concerned State Government. On examination, wherever it is established that the claim does not meet the eligibility criteria and the evidentiary requirements of the Central scheme, the pension is suspended/cancelled, after following due process. Such matters are dealt with individually. Statistical details are not maintained.

Statement referred to in reply to Part (A) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1317 for 02.08.2005 regarding Pension to Freedom Fighters.

Sl.No.	State/UT	SUSPENDED	CANCELLED
1.	Andhra Pradesh	135	05
2.	Bihar	763	272
3.	NCT of Delhi	02	26
4.	Goa	03	09
5.	Haryana	15	22
6.	Himachal Pradesh	00	02

7.	Karnataka	570	262
8.	Kerala	723	61
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	03	00
10.	Madhya Pradesh	56	64
11.	Maharashtra	228	38
12.	Manipur	00	151
13.	Meghalaya	07	13
14.	Orissa	46	86
15.	Pondicherry	09	13
16.	Punjab	105	28
17.	Tamil Nadu	20	84
18.	Uttar Pradesh	235	226
19.	West Bengal	191	216
20.	Tripura	00	05
21.	Rajasthan	00	01
TOTAL:		3,111	1,584